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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: WHILE DOMESTIC NEWS STILL OUTPLAYED FOREIGN NEWS IN THE PAST WEEK, A MAJOR FOCUS HAS BEEN MOVES TO OPEN CONTACTS WITH THE INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTED THE 1/13 FUKUDA-CARTER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AS EVIDENCE OF A MATURER US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP AND OF JAPAN'S

INCREASED WEIGHT IN THE WORLD.  
THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION MEETING DREW THE INTEREST OF A NARROWER ELITE, ESPECIALLY AS PAST AND PRESENT PARTICIPANTS--INCLUDING CARTER HIMSELF--WILL BE PROMINENT IN THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE: ALONE AMONG THE MAJOR DAILIES, THE "ASAHI" IS STILL HANDLING THE FISHERIES SITUATION WITH AN INSULAR-NATIONALISTIC LINE. THE PAPER'S 1/13 EDITORIAL BLAMED AMERICA PRIMARILY FOR THE WORLD TREND TOWARD 200-MILE ZONES AND AS  
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ORIGINATOR OF THE IDEA OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CONTINENTAL SHELVES AND ANADROMOUS FISH SUCH AS SALMON, TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF SUCH RESOURCE-POOR NATIONS AS JAPAN. IT SAID THE TROUBLES AMERICA IS CAUSING JAPAN MAY ACT AS PRIMING FOR "FATAL DIFFICULTIES," AND URGED THAT AN APPEAL BE MADE TO CARTER NOT TO IMPOSE ABRUPT LIMITATIONS ON JAPANESE FISHING, IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING

JAPANESE TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP TOWARD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

2. PROGRAM

A. MARINA WHITMAN: ECONOMIST WHITMAN, FORMERLY WITH THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS, SPOKE ON THE U.S. ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE IN A PROGRAM CO-SPONSORED WITH KYOTO UNIVERSITY'S INST. OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH. THE 17 JAPANESE ECONOMISTS PARTICIPATING INCLUDED ADVISORS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER GOJ MINISTRIES. DR. WHITMAN ARTICULATEDLY AND EFFECTIVELY DESCRIBED AMERICA'S OPEN ECONOMY AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR TRILATERAL COORDINATION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS. HER PRESENTATION STIMULATED PROVOCATIVE DISCUSSION ON THESE TOPICS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY POLICIES IN AN UNUSUAL ATMOSPHERE OF CANDOR.

B. V-P VISIT: THE POST HAS BEGUN WORKING ON THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SCHEDULED FOR LATE JANUARY, INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACCOMPANYING PRESS CORPS.

C. MEDIA PLACEMENT: THE 1/12 EDITION OF THE DAILY "MAINICHI" CARRIED A LONG INTERVIEW WITH COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SENIOR RESEARCHER WILLIAM BARNDT, ARRANGED BY THE POST WHEN BARNDT WAS PROGRAMMED HERE. THE FOCUS WAS THE KOREAN SITUATION AND US-ROK RELATIONS. (SEE 1/14/77 "DAILY SUMMARY OF JAPANESE PRESS.")

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